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Conventional Yeast Zygosaccharomyces Bailii
Attorney's Docket No.: 3912.1000-000

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
C1	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 0123, No. 58 (C-531), 26 September 1988 & JP 63 112986 A (Sumitomo Chem Co. Ltd.), 18 May 1988.	
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